

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 to 9 (cancelled)

1 Claim 10 (New) An article of jewelry comprising:

2 two cords;

3 a separable fastener interconnecting corresponding ends
4 of said cords;

5 a slide member having a central vertical axis of
6 symmetry, a planar support surface at a top of said member
7 transverse to said axis, a pair of holes converging from said top
8 surface to a bottom surface on opposite sides of said axis, and a
9 configuration of three coaxial disks of successively smaller
10 diameters from top to bottom, said cords passing through said holes
11 and said slide member being shiftable along said cords; and

12 stop elements at other ends of said cords incapable of
13 passing through said holes.

1 Claim 11 (NEW) The article of jewelry defined in claim
2 10 wherein said cords have along their lengths each at least one
3 zone generating friction in the respective hole sufficient to
4 retain said member in said zone.

1 Claim 12 (NEW) The article of jewelry defined in claim 10
2 wherein said cords in at least one zone have diameters at least
3 equal to that of the respective hole.

1 Claim 13 (NEW) The article of jewelry defined in claim
2 10 further comprising a precious ornamental element supported on
3 said surface.

1 Claim 14 (NEW) The article of jewelry defined in claim
2 13 wherein said ornamental element is traversed by said cords and
3 rests upon said surface.

1 Claim 15 (NEW) The article of jewelry defined in claim 14
2 wherein said ornamental or precious element is a stone.

1 Claim 16 (NEW) The article of jewelry defined in claim 10
2 wherein said stop elements are balls with diameters greater than
3 that of said holes.